## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

[[A]] <u>a</u> separator for a fuel cell comprising a metal plate including a gas passage portion and a contact portion in a part other than the gas passage portion, <u>and</u> a terminal of a cell voltage monitor,

wherein the contact portion being brought into contact with a contacts the terminal of a cell voltage monitor attached to the fuel cell, and

wherein a surface treatment <del>applied to</del> on the gas passage portion is different from a surface treatment <del>applied to</del> on the contact portion.

- 2. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the surface treatment applied to the gas passage portion comprises a carbon coat, and the surface treatment applied to the contact portion comprises no carbon coat.
- 3. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a frame portion, wherein an attachment portion that functions in attaching the cell voltage monitor to the fuel cell is formed in the frame portion and the metal plate.
- 4. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the attachment portion is engaged with the cell voltage monitor so as to be attached to the fuel cell in a direction where a plurality of cells are stacked into the fuel cell.

- 5. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the metal plate comprises a stainless steel plate applied with a conductive metal plating.
- 6. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a frame portion, wherein an attachment portion that functions in attaching the cell voltage monitor to the fuel cell is formed in the frame portion and the metal plate.
- 7. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the attachment portion is engaged with the cell voltage monitor so as to be attached to the fuel cell in a direction where a plurality of cells are stacked into the fuel cell.
- 8. (Currently amended) The separator for a fuel cell apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the metal plate comprises a stainless steel plate applied with a conductive metal plating.
- 9. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the entire gas-passage portion of the metal plate includes a surface treatment coating.
- 10. (New) The apparatus for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein a gas passage of the gas-passage portion is formed as part of the metal plate.
  - 11. (New) A fuel cell including the apparatus according to claim 9.